Senate met. Reports from Committees. By Mr. Dawson, from the committee on the judiciary, that it is inexpedient to make sheriffs ex-officio adm

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Resolutions introduced.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, the resolution offered by him on yesterday, to rescind the resolution, adopted a few days since, to adjourn over the afternoon of each day, was taken from the table and adopted.

By Mr. Dawson instructing the committee on swamp

lands to report a bill containing substantially the follow-Authorizing county auditors to sell said lands at the highest price they will bring, not less than \$1 25 per

2. Authorizing commissioners to drain said lands, the expense of said draining to be paid out of the proceeds of the lands sold, not exceeding 10,000 dollars to each

3. Persons residing on said lands may purchase the same, not exceeding 160 acres, at \$1.25 per acre; and to make provisions to secure to such persons unable to buy such lands the value of the improvements they may have made upon the same. Adopted.

By Mr. Emerson, instructing the committee on printing to report a bill to elect a State Printer by the people. Adopted.

The order of business was suspended, and

On motion of Mr. Eddy, Mr. Dawson was added to the committee on swamp lands. The joint resolution introduced by Mr. Holloway yesterday, in relation to certain articles taken from the Ca- ment of Mr. English, to place Lawrence and Monroe in the resolution passed to a second reading.

the passage of the joint resolution asking Congress to Stuart. appropriate money to erect a public building on the Gov- Mr. Stuart withdrew the bill he had formerly offered, ernor's Circle, in Indianapolis. Carried-ayes 26, noes and introduced the following as a substitute:

O 1 motion of Mr. Emerson, the joint resolution was referred to the committee on finance. Bills Introduced.

By Mr. Cravens, to set apart county dividends in railroads to the support of common schools. By Mr. Emerson, prescribing the time for the commencement of actions other than for the recovery of real

property, &c.

By Mr. Slack, providing for districting the State of Indiana into Congressional Districts. Bills on their Third Reading.

A joint resolution asking of Congress a donation of Clay, and Sullivan.

in the purchase of lands in the State of Indiana. Passed Porter. -aves 35, noes 4. Bill of the House to extend the time of final payment for University lands, &c. Passed-ayes 3S, noes 1.

Bill of the House authorizing Circuit Courts to change the names of persons and corporations. Passed-ayes Bill of the House to authorize railroad companies to borrow money, &c.

bill to a third reading. Carried. Mr. Berry then moved to reconsider the vote on adopt- ty desired to be so connected. ing the amendment. Carried. On motion of Mr. Slack, the bill was recommitted to

a select committee of Messrs. Slack, Henton, Mickle, A bill to enforce the provisions of article thirteen of the Constitution of Indiana. Mr. Reid made an extended argument to prove that

tion of the Constitution of the United States; and against the provisions of the bill under consideration. Mr. Berry moved a call of the previous question, which subject might be properly digested before final action be

its favor. Ages - Messrs. Alexander, Athon, Berry, Brugh, Crawford, Davis, Delavan, Emerson, Hanna, Hatfield, Henton, Hester, Hicks, James, Knowlton, Logan, Mic- the House might think proper. kle, Miller, Slack, Sleeth, Spann, Turman, and Walker

Noes-Messrs. Defrees, Dunn, Eddy, Goodman, Hick-

On motion of Mr. Slack, the order of business was district had not been properly treated.

Mr. Beeson opposed the proposition to attach Switzerland disposed of.

Mr. Beeson opposed the proposition to attach Switzerland county to the 4th District. He said it was done suspended, and messages of the House were taken up and disposed of. Mr. Hanna moved to take from the table the Home-

stead Exemption bill, and make it the special order of the day for the first Monday in February. Carried. Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, January 17, 1352. The House met.

Petitions were presented by Messrs. Gibson, Reynolds, Buskirk, Nelson, Laverty and Stuart.

Reports from Committees. By Mr. Behm, from the judiciary committee, reporting a bill for arbitration and umpirage; which was read

the first time. By Mr. Stanfield, from the judiciary committee, to whom was referred a bill for the organization of plank and McAdamized roads, reporting the same back with an amendment. The amendment was concurred in and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

By Mr. Holman, from the judiciary committee, to whom was referred a petition of citizens of Ohio counasked to have it referred to committee on roads; agreed

By Mr. Beach, from the judiciary committee, to whom was referred a petition from Jesse Ruder, of Monroe county, asking to have repealed the 37th sec- and not for the purpose of creating a factious opposition of the 35th chapter of the Revised Statutes of 1843, that it was inexpedient to legislate upon the sub-ject, and asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition; agreed to.

By Mr. McDonald, from committee on swamp lands,

reporting a bill to regulate the sale of the swamp lands denated by the United States, to the State of Indiana, and providing for the drainage of the same; read the

[This hill makes county auditors agents to sell the is empowered to appoint one commissioner in each he (Mr. McDonald) would hold the balance of power, penses of drainage are to be paid from the amount of the proceeds received from the sales of the said lands. No lands are to be sold for less than \$1.25 per acre. After paying all expenses for drainage, &c. the surplus is to be deposited with the Treasurer of State, for the purposes of common schools.]

Resolutions Offered.

The resolution introduced on vesterday by Mr. Taggart for holding afternoon sessions, coming up in order. it was agreed to. By Mr. English, that there be printed with the com

penses of the Constitutional Convention, certain resolutions of that body; adopted.

By Mr. McDowell, that the select committee on free banking, inquire into the expediency of engrafting into a bill the following provisions:

munication of the Auditor of State, relative to the ex-

It shall not be lawful for the president, directors. trustees, eashier, or other officers, clark or agent of any bank, to make dividends, except from the profits arising from the business of the bank.

To divide, withdraw, or in any manner pay to the stockholders, or any part of them, any part of the capi-

tal stock, or reduce such capital stock without the corsent of the General Assembly.

To purchase and hold such real estate, and no more than shall be necessary for its banking house, and such

personal property as shall be necessary for the transac-Not to loan or discount, to any president, eashier, elerk, or other subordinate officer thereof, or upon any part or obligation upon which any such president, eash-

ier, clerk, or other subordinate officer shall be liable. No bank shall, directly or indirectly, sell any of its gold or silver coin, or export the same out of the State, nor shall any bank employ any broker to transact any business, or be concerned, either directly or indirectly. in any way whatever, with any broker or in any broker-

To apply any portion of the funds, property, assets.
or effects of their bank, directly or indirectly, to the purchase of shares of its own stock or to the purchase of

stock in any other bank, company, or corporation.

To make any loan or discount upon the pledge of its own stock as security, or the pledge of any stock of any other bank, company, or corporation, or to receive any such shares in payment of any debt due to their bank. their own institution, shares of the capital stock of such Lawrence, Martin, and Porry. other corporation, or to receive in such exchange the 3. Clark, Scott, Jackson, Brown, Bartholomew, Jennotes, bonds, or other evidence of debt issued by such nings, and Jefferson.

To discount or receive any note or other evidence of debt in payment of any stock of their bank required Shelby. to be paid, or any part thereof, or with intent of pre-To discount or receive any note or other evidence of

trators in cases where no one is found willing to admin-By Mr. Logan, from the same committee, returning joint resolution of the House in relation to patents, with the option that it is inexpedient to legislate on that subto their bank, to a greater amount than one half the Pulaski, Whi capital stock of such stockholder or director actually and Laporte.

ossessed by him. To loan to any one individual, whether stockholder. director, or otherwise, upon any note or other evidence of debt, or to any firm or to any one or more individuals comprising a firm in the aggregate, or to permit any tion, which was ordered. individual or firm, or individuals comprising a firm in the aggregate, to become indebted to such bank at any one negative-ayes 15, noes 24. time to a greater amount than one-twelfth of the capital

stock of such bank.

on Wednesday next; adopted. By Mr. Thompson, to dispense with giving notices to non-resident land holders by a resident land holder, when

Orders of the Day. The bill dividing the State into Congressional Districts. The question being on the agreement to the amend-

thedral in Mexico, pending at the adjournment, came the 2d District, and Scott and Clark in the 3d, it was de-The question then recurred on striking out the origin-Mr. Cravens moved to reconsider the vote taken on al bill and inserting the substitute submitted by Mr.

> 1. Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Spencer, Dubois, Pike, Gibson, Knox, Daviess, and Martin. 2. Perry, Crawford, Harrison, Floyd, Clark, Washington, Orange, and Lawrence. 3. Brown, Bartholomew, Jackson, Jennings, Scott,

Jefferson, and Switzerland. 4. Ohio, Dearborn, Ripley, Decatur, Franklin, a ic 5. Fayette, Union, Wayne, Henry, Randolph, and

Delaware. 6. Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Marion, Hendricks, and Green, Monroe, Owen, Putnam, Parke, Vigo

land in the Vincennes Land District for the benefit of 8. Vermillion, Fountain, Warren, Tippecanoe, Montcommon schools in said district. Passed—ayes 40, noes gomery, Clinton, and Boone.
9. Carroll, Cass. Miami. Fulton, Marshall, Laporte. A joint resolution of the House in relation to mistakes Starke, Pulaski, White, Benton, Jasper, Lake, and

10. St. Joseph, Elkhart, Lagrange, Steuben, DeKalb, Noble, Kosciusko, Whitley, and Allen. 11. Adams, Wells, Huntington, Wabash, Jay, Black-ford, Grant, Howard, Tipton, Madison, and Hamilton.

Mr. Stuart opposed at some length the formation of the 8th, 9th and 10th Districts as reported by the committee, and advocated his substitute. Mr. Spencer moved to amend the substitute by de-Mr. Berry moved to reconsider the vote ordering the taching Switzerland from the 3d and attaching it to the 4th District. Mr. Spencer said the citizens of that conn-

> Messrs. Davis and Doughty advocated the bill of the Mr. Torbet moved to refer the bill to a select committee of one from each Congressional District to act with

a similar committee on the part of the Senate. Mr. Torbet said it was no use to disguise the fact that the democratic party are trying to form democratic disthe thirteenth article of the Constitution is not a viola- tricts, and they think it is the duty of democrats to do so, because their principles are best adapted to the gov-ernment. He hoped the bill would be referred that the had in the House.

The main question being upon the passage of the bill, Mr. Mudgett opposed the reference. He desired to it failed for want of a constitutional number of votes in have a test vote on the bill of the committee before any isposition is made of it. If it was then ascertained that a majority of the House was opposed to the bill, he was willing that such disposition should be made of it, as

Mr. Buskirk favored the reference. He contended that great injustice had been done the old 6th Congressional District. She was the banner district of the State. man, Holloway, Kendall, Kinnard, McCarty, Milliken, but now she has been severed to accommodate districts Reid, Teegarden, Washburn, Winstandley, and Withe. adjoining. She has been so divided that but two counties remain in the same district. He thought that his

> for the purpose of throwing Rush county into the "burnt The motion to refer the bill to a select committee of

one from each Congressional District was decided in the negative,-ayes 32, noes 56. The question then recurred on the adoption of is as follows: art; it was decided in the negative-ayes 32, noes 49.

The question recurred on striking out the bill repor-ted by the committee and inserting the substitute of Mr. Mr. Brady demanded a division of the question.

The question recurred on striking out, which was deded in the negative-ayes 29, noes 56. The question then recurring on ordering the bill to engrossed for a third reading, Mr. Stuart warned the democrats against the great

pinstice which this bill would do to the 9th or Northwestern District. He asked justice to be done-he in the city of Indianapolis, the portrait of Simon de wanted nothing more, and he hoped the House would Cassia, and such other articles in his possession as were

Mr. McDonald said that he was from the 9th District, ty, reporting that special laws are unconstitutional, and District was in favor of the bill as reported. The opposition to this bill has come from persons who are lookng forward to some political positi Mr. Torbet said that he made the motion to re-com-

mit to harmonize the conflicting elements in this House, tion as has been intimated. Mr. Donaldson said he wished it understood that Mr.

McDenald was not the mouth peace of the democracy of the 9th District. Mr. McDonald asked who were?

Mr. Donaldson said that we all are. Mr. McDonald said then I suppose I am one of them. After which some personal conversation occurred be-

tween the two gentlemen. Mr. Stuart said that if he occupied the position of swamp lands in the different counties. The Governor Mr. McDonald, he would certainly favor this bill. For county, in which there are swamp lands, under whose with his eleven hundred free-soilers. He spoke at some superintendence the lands are to be drained. The ex-

> Mr. Donaldson moved that the House adjourn, which was decided in the negative-ayes 33, noes 52. The bill as reported by the committee was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as follows:
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> Ayes—Barker, Beach, Beane, Beeson, Brady, Bulla, Carpenter, Chowning, Cockrum, Davis, Dice, Donham, Dovthit, Doughty, Foster, Goudy, Graham, Gunn, Harrison, Hart, Helmer, Henry, Holliday of Blackford,

Hudson, Huey, Huffstetter, Laverty, Leviston, Lindsey of Fayette, McAllister, McDowell, Miller, Nelson, Ray, Reynolds, Spencer, Struble, Stuart, Taggart. Torbet,

The House adjourned. SENATE.

MONDAY, Jan. 19, 1852.

Senate met.

Reports from Committees. By Mr. Emerson, from a select committee, returning House bill fixing the time for county treasurers to settle with county and State Auditors, with amendments; which were concurred in and ordered to 1 e engrossed.

Bills, &c., Introduced.

Wells, Wilson and Mr. Speaker-35.

By Mr. Miller, to authorize boards doing county buess to declare water courses navigable. By Mr. Defrees to amend the assessment law.

Bills on the second reading were taken up and appro priately disposed of.

The bill introduced by Mr. Slack for dividing the State into Congressional Districts, came up on its second read-

The bill districts the State as follows: To receive from any other stock corporation in exchange for the shares, gotes, bonds, or other evidence of debt of their own institution, shares of the shar

corporation; Provided, nothing herein shall be so con- 4. Switzerland, Ohio, Dearborn, Ripley, Decatur, sufficiently expressive of the object, and the language strued as to prevent any bank from receiving the circu-lating notes of any other bank in deposit, or in payment 5. Fayette, Union, Wayne, Randolph, Delaware, Hen-

ry, and Hancock. 6. Marion, Hendricks, Putnam, Morgan, Johnson, and 7. Monroe, Owen, Clay, Parke, Vermillion, Vigo, Sul-

8. Warren, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Cardebt with intent of enabling any stockholder in their roll, Clinton, and Boone.
bank to withdraw any part of the money paid by him on
9. Cass, Miami, Wabash, Grant, Blackford, Madison,

Hamilton, Tipton, and Howard.

10. Jay, Adams, Wells, Huntington, Whitley, Allen, De Kalb, Noble, Lagrange, and Steuben. 11. Elkhart, Koseinsko, St. Joseph, Marshall, Fulton, Polaski, White, Benton, Jasper, Lake, Porter, Starke,

Mr. Sleeth moved to refer it to the committee on tricting the State.

Mr. Mickle, for the purpose of testing the opinion of the Senate on the bill, called for a division of the ques-The question being on referring, it was decided in the

Gov. Lane availed himself of the present opportunity to set himself right before the people of the fourth dis-trict. He was thankful to the Senate for this opportu-By Mr. Doughty, authorizing the door-keeper to purnity of placing himself in the proper position before his chase envelopes for the use of the members of the House; immediate constituents. He said he had ever been in favor of letting the fourth district remain as it is; but as By Mr. Torbet, that a select committee of three be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the means of publishing and circulating the laws; adopted.

By Mr. Hay of Clark, for going into the election of two Commissioners for the Insane Asylum of Indiana layor of letting the lourth district remain as it is; but as able debate as to the constitutionality of the bill, On motion, the bill was referred to the judiciary make some alteration. If the question, therefore, came up whether to strike off Rush county and annex it to the burnt district, or to strike off Switzerland and attach it noon sessions; adopted. to a democratic district, he would be compelled to favor the latter. Switzerland county had but slight relations, commercial or any other, with Dearborn county. Much of the business of Switzerland county which was not Mr. Spencer introduced a reso transacted in her own borders was done at Madison. On for bringing suits against the State; adopted. the contrary, Rush and Dearborn counties were connected together by all the ties that bind man to man, social, political, and commercial. Almost all the business of Rush county would soon be transacted through Dearborn county, and he held it to be a political sin to detach Rush county from the fourth and attach it the burnt district; it would be sacrificing Rush county—while Switzerland county, if stricken off would be in a democratic

district. It would be seen by reference to the election returns of 1848, that while he was beaten in the county of Rush for the office he now held 65 votos, he received in the county of Switzerland 273 majority. It would be recoltected that he had under his command, in the third regiment, a gallant company from the latter county-personally he was united to the people of Switzerland county by the strongest ties. He therefore fondly hoped the old fourth district may be permitted to remain as she

now stands. Mr. Miller moved to postpone the consideration of the bill till Wednesday next at 2 o'clock. Mr. Slack opposed the motion, and Mr. Dawson spoke in favor of it.

Mr. Saffer also spoke in favor of the postponement. He desired to have time to examine the bill, and thought the Senate should have time to examine it. Mr. Spann also favored the motion to postpone, in order to give time for consideration.

Mr. McCarty desired to offer a resolution to refer it to the judiciary committee, with instructions to take into consideration whether the State should be districted with a view of furthering the interests of the Democratic party, and to accommodate certain gentlemen who desired to get into Congress, or whether it should be done with a view to accommodate the whole people by taking into the account the population, commercial interests.

and contiguous territory.

The President decided the resolution to be out of or der, as the Senate had refused to refer. Carty an opportunity of offering his resolution, moved to reconsider the vote on referring.

Mr. Hanna hoped the Senate would not reconsider. He did not think the Senate desired to give such insulting instructions as proposed by the gentleman from Marion, and therefore there was no good reason why the vote on referring the bill should be reconsidered. The Senate refused to reconsider-aves 17, noes 23.

Mr. Sleeth spoke at some length in favor of the motion to postpone. He wished to offer an amendment to the bill, but he could not do it, because he had not had time to give the bill the consideration necessary to un derstand it correctly. Mr. Reid wished to have time for consideration, and

favored the motion to postpone. Mr. Dunn suggested an amendment providing that no member of the present Legislature shall be eligible to a seat in the next Congress. Mr. Hanna favored the motion to postpone.

The question being upon the motion to postpone the onsideration of the bill and make it the special order of the day for 2 o'clock on Wednesday next, it was decided in the affirmative-ayes 24, noes 15. On motion of Mr. Saffer, the committee on districting the State was discharged from the further consideration of all bills before them, and instructed to return said

bills to the Senate.

The Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The joint resolution in regard to certain articles taken from Catkolies in Mexico, and returning them to the Cathedral in this city, was read the second time. It

Mr. Spencer's amendment to the substitute of Mr. Stu- A Joint Resolution in relation to certain articles taken from the Cathedrals in Mexico. WHEREAS, During the invasion of Mexico by the army of the United States, certain articles were taken from

the Cathedrals in that country by members of said army and subsequently presented to the State, accepted by the Legislature, and placed in the State Library; SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That the State Librarian be, and

he is hereby authorized and required to deliver to Rov. J. Jueguen, the Priest in charge of the Catholic church taken from Cathedrals in Mexico, to be preserved in the archives of said church, in the city of Indianapolis. SECTION 2. That the Secretary of State is hereby resaired to furnish the State Librarian, and the Rev. J. Gueguen, with a copy of this Joint Resolution.

Gov. Lane took the floor and spoke in opposion of the Kinnard. Knowlton, Miller, Saffer, Slack, Sleeth, and resolution and in defence of the Mexican War and the Spann-23. American soldiers engaged in that war. His remarks

Mr. Emerson rejoined and opposed the resolution. He moved to refer it to a select committee. He wished to have the charge of taking articles from the Cathedrals in Mexico investigated.

Mr. Dunn, in a speech of some length, reviewed and denounced the policy of Mr. Polk's administration in re-

Pending the discussion The Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. MONDAY, Jan'y 19, 1852. House met.

Petitions were presented by Messrs. Doughty, Suit, Hicks, Carpenter and Scudder. Reports from Committees. whom was referred House bill for the examination and admission of insane persons into the Insane Asylum, reporting that as a bill has already been passed on this

onsideration; which was agreed to. By Mr. Gibson, from the Judiciary committee, a bill

Shanklin, Smith of Marion, Stanfield, Stover, Stevens, Read the first time.

Summer, Sweet, Thompson. Walker, Williams and By Mr. Withers, from the committee on Roads, to was introduced for the purpose of making just such po-

By Mr. Lawrence, from the committee on Roads, to whom was referred a resolution relative to a road in Porter county, asking to be discharged from the further friends from the charge of wasting the time of the Legconsideration of the subject; which was agreed to.

By Mr. Spencer, from the committee on Banks, to whom was referred the report of the State Bank, reporting that upon the face of said report the affairs of said Bank has been correctly conducted during the past

By Mr. Lewis, from the committee on Benevolent and Scientific Institutions, a bill for the enlargement of the Indiana Hospital for the Insane. Read the first

By Mr. Owen, from select committee to whom was referred a bill prescribing a form for deeds and mort-gages, reporting the same back, with an amendment, and recommending its passage.

Mr. Gibson moved to amend by adding the word "assigns" after the word "heirs" in said bill; which was

Mr. Gibson moved to further amend the bill by striking out the section which relates to the acknowledgement of deeds by married women. After debate in which the propriety of further legislation on such cases where Messrs. Owen, Gibson, Stuart and Smith of Spencer,

Mr. Holman moved to strike out the first four sections | concurred in. deed of conveyance or any other written contract what-ever, shall be deemed valid and effectual for the purpose contemplated therein if executed in any form of words reporting that it was inexpedient to take charge of such which the parties thereto may think proper to adopt, cases at this time. Report concurred in.

of any such instrument shall receive its common and or-

pre-supposes the ignorance of the people, and he did not wish to see any such laws upon our statute books.

Mr. Owen thought that the amendment offered by

By Mr. Nelson that the con-Mr. Holman would create more litigation than any other amendment that could possibly have been submitted.

Mr. Leviston was opposed to striking out and inserting, but would vote for striking out.

Mr. Behm demanded the ayes and noes on striking out and inserting, which was decided in the negative—

aves 26, noes 58. Mr. Gibson moved to strike out the section which re-

quires an acknowledgement of deeds; lost.

Mr. Owen introduced a bill regarding the fees of recorders; read first time. Mr. Owen introduced a bill regarding seals and

scrolls; read first time. Mr. Holman introduced a bill authorizing Circuit Courts of this State to try and determine for a felony an indictment on a copy of the indictment; read first

Mr. Holman moved to suspend the rules and the bil

The bill was read the second time, and after consider-On motion, the bill was referred to the judiciary con

Mr. Spencer introduced a resolution for holding after-Mr. Hudson introduced a joint resolution, asking for a more liberal construction of the act of Congress of Mr. Spencer introduced a resolution to provide by law

Several bills were read the second time and appropr ately disposed of. Senate joint resolution for obtaining from the General Government certain lands in the Vincennes District, for the use of common schools, was read the first time. House adjourned.

Orders of the day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House met. A bill to establish Courts of Common Pleas and de fining the jurisdiction and duties of the Judges thereof, having been made the special order, the question recur-red on the adoption of Mr. Spencer's amendment, to substitute a bill for the Probate Court system. Mr. Spencer spoke at considerable length in favor

Mr. Suit offered several amendments to the original Some debate ensued in which Messrs. Stuart, Suit Beach, and Holladay of Parke, participated, and before coming to any conclusion,

The House adjourned.

SENATE.

TUESDAY MORNING, Jan. 20, 1852. Senate met. Note.-We were in error yesterday in reporting that Gov. Lane was opposed to the resolution to give to Rev. J. Gueguen the picture of Simon de Cassia. He is in tayor of the object of the resolution, but considers that the language and assertions of the preamble are insulting. REPORTER.]

Petitions &c., Presented. By Mr. Crawford, on temperance. Referred to committee on that subject. By Mr. Hatfield, from a German society in Troy. Mr. Duna, then, for the purpose of giving Mr. Mc. Perry county, asking a charter. Referred to committee

on corporations. By Mr. Turman, from citizens of Fountain county, for the enactment of a law for the more effectual punishment of counterfeiters and horse-theires. Referred to committee on practice and criminal law. Reports from Committees.

teen months. By Mr. Mickle, from committee on districting the State returning all bills, &c., in their possession, on that subject. Laid on the table Bills &c., on their Third Reading. Bills of the House to provide for a uniform enumera-

tion of the divisions and sub-divisions of sections and quarter sections in township of land in Monroe county reserved for a State Seminary, &c. Passed. Ayes 33, Bill of the House to extend the time for the settlement of county treasurers, with county auditors, and the treasurer of State, &c. Passed-ayes 40, noes 1.

Bills on their second reading were taken up and appropriately disposed of. ken from the Cathedrals in Mexico, again came up on its second reading, and was debated until the hour or adjournment. The discussion was not confined to the resolution, but was mostly in review of the policy of Mr. Polk's administration during the Mexican War and the course of the Whig and Democratic parties during that war. Mr. Sleeth and Gov. Lane spoke in defence of the Democratic party. They did not oppose the object of the joint resolution under debate, they only opposed the insult contained in the preamble. They were entirely willing and desirous to give the articles presented by Major Simonson to the State, to the Catholies, that church desired to have them, and would vote for the resolution if shorn of its insulting and false assertions. Before coming to a vote,

Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met. The bill authorizing a general banking law having been made the special order of the day, was taken up. Mr. Emerson moved to indefinitely postpone the bill. Mr. Mickle moved a call of the Senate, which was

After some time, on motion of Mr. Milliken, the call was suspended. The question then being upon the indefinite postpone-nent of the bill, it was decided in the affirmative. Ayes-Messrs. Alexander, Allen, Athon, Berry, Brugh, Cravens, Crawford, Dougherty, Dunn, Eddy Emerson, Goodman, Hatfield, Hester, Holloway, Hunt,

NoEs-Messrs. Davis, Dawson, Defrees, Delevan, will be published hereafter.

Mr. Holloway replied to Gov. Lane at considerable length, and defended the resolution.

Henton. James, Logan, Longshore, Marshall, McCarty, Mickle, Milliken, Teegarden, Turman, Walker, Washburn, Winstandley, and Witherow—18. The joint resolution in relation to certain articles ta-ken from the Cathedrals in Mexico came up in order. Mr. Saffer took the floor. He said he was not going of their judges, yet he thought it was a wrong princi- of ayes 49, noes 35. to read from any law books to find anthority to sanction ple.

found that the Almighty leader of the armies of the earth had commanded that wars should be made. He thought that the success which had regended the Ameriour side. He thought the joint resolution was introdu-ced to retard legislation, and the next thing we would hear would be these very men who introduced and By Mr. Holman, from the Judiciary committee, to spoke in favor of this resolution, raising the cry of this been given by parties.

democratic legislature wasting the people's time and money in debating matters which did not concern them. A Whig could hardly be found now-a-days who would bject, it is deemed inexpedient to legislate further on acknowledge that he ever electioneered in favor of such mittee. the subject, and asking to be discharged from its further old fashionable things as the United States Bank, a Protection Tariff, and the distribution of the proceeds of Hostetter, Hunt. Kent, King, Lawrence. Lindsay of Howard, Litchfield, Major, Manson, Mayfield, Mc-Connel. McDonald. Mudgett, Schoonover, Scudder, Shanklin, Smith of Marion, Stanfield, Stover, Stevens, Read the first time.

By Mr. Gibson, from the Judiciary committee, a bill the public lands. Their electioneering now was all about such things as these pictures and prayer books, and what they call the wastefullness and extravagance of the Democratic party, and he thought he resolution Noes-Behm, Bryant, Buskirk, Cowgill, Crawford, Dobson, Donaldson, English, Geddes, Gibson, Hanna, Hays of White, Hicks, Holladay of Parke, Holman, agreed to. lengthened controversy by those men who would make capital out of the fact that time was thus consumed.

Mr. Dunn took the floor and defended himself and islature. He occupied the time in reviewing the annexation of Texas and the causes of the Mexican war, till the hour of adjournment.
Without coming to a vote,

The Senate adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. TUESDAY, Jan. 20, 1852. The House met.

Mr. Struble moved a call of the House, which wa agreed to, and, On motion of Mr. Owen, all further proceedings un der the call were dispensed with Petitions were presented by Messrs. Chowning, Cock-rum, Crawford, and Hicks. Reports from Committees.

By Mr. Huffstetter, from the committee on roads, to participated, the House refused to strike out the sec-tion. to legislate further on the subject at this time. Report of the hill, and insert in lieu thereof a section that " a By Mr. I ewis, from the committee on benevolent and

By Mr Holman, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to determine an action dinary signification." He protested against this Legislature passing a law prescribing forms by which the citizens of this State will be forced to adhere, in order to make certain instruments of writing valid. This bill to determine an action of felony on a copy of indictment, reporting the same back with an admendment. The amendment was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Lindsay of Howard, the bill was

Resolutions Offered. By Mr. Nelson, that the committee charged with the revision of the probate law shall observe the following

principles in any bill they may present:

No administration shall be required where a widow is

left, if the real and personal property does not exceed five hundred dollars, and that said amount shall go to the widow free from all debts except legal incumbrances created by her own acts. No creditor shall be permitted to swear to his own Convention; and, also, on the merits of the negro exaccounts; but the same proof shall be required as in clusion bill, occupied most of the day.

other cases. Administrators shall be required to settle up estates

to do so, except in cases particular provided for. Mr. Nelson said it will be seen that this is an imperative resolution. He had made it such in order to obtain the sense of the House on this subject. He said that it will be remembered that he had some time since offered a similar resolution, but what had become of it no one

adoption of the resolution. Mr. Owen said that he favored a majority of the prin-

ciples contained in the resolution, yet he thought that bate, the motion of Mr. Davis to strike out the section the subjects should be contained in separate resolutions, to inflict a penalty upon negroes and mulattoes for comin order that we can vote on them separately. Mr. Hudson opposed the resolution

Mr. Gibson concurred in the opinions of Mr. Owen relative to dividing the different subjects contained in the resolution. He was in favor of some of them, yet under no circumstances could he vote for others. He moved to amend by adding after the word "widow," in the first clause, the words "in trust for herself and her minor children." Mr. Owen, after some debate, moved to amend the

amendment by adding the word "his," so the amendment will read " in trust for herself, and his or her mi- motion to amend the bill so as to make the reporter elec-Mr. Lewis opposed the amendment. Mr. Nelson said that if the amendment of Mr. Gibon was adopted, the resolution would be of no account

He hoped the amendment would not be adopted. The amendment of Mr. Owen was not adopted Mr. Owen opposed the adoption of the amendment of Mr. Gibson. He asked gentlemen if maternal love was not as strong as that of paternal. He contended that the affections of a mother were much stronger than that of a father. Holy writ teaches us that such is the fact. Mr. Gibson advocated the adoption of his amend-

The amendment was concurred in.

Mr. Stanfield moved to amend by adding, "or the acts fully canvassed. of her husband in the purchase of real estate." The amendment was agreed to.

two years, and sooner, if required by the Court to do so, except in cases particularly provided for." Mr. Nelson said that this is one of the principles in the committee on finance. for ten or fifteer years, until the entire amount of estates are absorbed. It frequently occurs that estates are worth a considerable amount when first taken in hands A joint resolution in relation to mistakes in the purby administrators, but before final settlement they are chase of lands in this State; reported to be insolvent. This is an evil which should he remedied, and instead of looking after districting bills and other kindred measures, we should attend to such sity lands, &c.; matters as concern us all. No law can be passed by the present Legislature which is of more importance than names of persons and corporations, passed. to retain this provision in the resolution.

Mr. Donaldson moved to make the resolution one of Mr. Buskirk said the fault was not in law, but in the manner in which it was administered. The present law

The motion of Mr. Donaldson was agreed to. On motion of Mr. Nelson, the resolution was laid of By Mr. Smith of Spencer, calling upon the Auditor of State for information in relation to the Madison and Indianapolis railroad; adopted.

tions inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill providing for the improvement of the rivers in this State; tion to erect an Armory at Evansville, were passed. By Mr. English, that the committee on the organizaexpediency of giving to county commissioners power to down by a very large majority. pen streets and alleys in villages; adopted.

ministrators, grardians, &c., to submit their accounts ships; and before final settlement, to a Master or some other offi-Mr. Graham introduced a joint resolution relative to White River; read first time.

By Mr. Spencer, that a bill be reported requiring ad-

Mr. Carpenter introduced a bill relating to Prosecuting Attorneys in the 4th and 8th judicial circuits; read Orders of the Day. The bill to organize a Court of Common Pleas was taken up, and after amending the bill,

Mr. Owen moved to recommit the bill to the committee on the organization of courts of justice, with the postponed. following instructions: To strike out the 39th section making provision for the salary of the judge, and insert in lieu thereof, the provision that the judge shall be ex-officio the clerk of said court, and shall discharge the functions of that office as the same is or may be required by law of clerks of circuit courts; and to amend the rest of the bill, where necessary, so as to correspond to the above district;

hauge in the mode of remuneration. Mr. Owen advocated a recommitment, and was opposed to the creation of the eighty-three judges which the bill proposes. He preferred the present probate system to the system proposed to be placed in operation

Mr. Hudson offered additional instructions to the com-[The instructions could not possibly be understood unless the entire bill is published.] Mr. Hudson was opposed to taking the clerks of the ircuit courts from their duties and placing them upon the bench as judges. He thought by such a system the clerks must necessarily neglect their duties in the Circuit Courts. He also opposed the principle in the bill Numerous amendments were offered, all of which were which taxes a docket fee on the losing party. He said that he was aware the committee were forced into this voted down. The bill was ordered to be engrosssed for measure in order to raise the means to pay the per diem a third reading, as reported by the committee, by a vote

Bible) a law book which was almost gone out of use.
But it was none the worse for that, and if his friend on his left (Mr. Holloway) would not like that he could not form.

Mr. Smith of Spencer was opposed to the proposition of Mr. Owen.

Mr. Gibson said that he could not form. his left (Mr. Holloway) would read it a little more than or the proposition of Mr. Owen. He had a proposition day, stated that the democratic party of Wayne county, he did, it would enlighten his understanding and may-be make a better man of him. In that old law book he structions now before the House were not concurred in. Mr. Stuart said this bill proposes to substitute in the place of the old associate judges, a county judicial offithought that the success which had recently the American army in Mexico was an evidence that God was on &c. He thought that an officer of this description was requisite in almost every county in the State. If you

> Mr. Owen withdrew his instructions to the com-Mr. Hudson withdrew his instructions to the com-

> > AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met. But before any business was transacted, an alarm was given that the Capital House was on fire; when The House adjourned.

House adjourned.

Madison County. Pursuant to previous notice a portion of the Democracy of Madison county met in convention at the Courthouse in Anderson. On motion of Mr. Jackson, F. Bronenberg was called to the chair, and J. W. Sans. make his views a part of their platform, we have no berry appointed Secretary. The object of the meeting right to object; but we do object to his making his dem-

were unanimously adopted:

Resolved. That the Democrats of Madison county are n favor of the old National Democratic platform of That he represents the Whigs, we have no doubt, and Principles; and that we regard all sectional tests as let him, therefore, when he utters such sentiments, speak pernicious in all their tendencies. Resolved, That we are in favor of the compror measures of the last Congress; and that we believe that those measures, if carried out in their true spirit.

tions, expressive of the sentiment of the convention

will forever put to rest the agitation of the question of Slavery.

Resolved, That the delegates to the State Convention, to be held at Indianapolis the 24th of February next, be instructed to go for Gen. Jo. Lane for President, and Joseph A. Wright for Governor. next, be instructed to go for Gen. Jo. Lane for Presi-lent, and Joseph A. Wright for Governor.

Resolved, That the Editors of the Anderson Gazette, the oppressed. It was a real Democratic speech. Eve-

Names of Delegates omitted F. BRONENBERG Sen., President. J. W. SANSBERRY, Secretary. IT Dr. Fitch has been reappointed as one of the re-

and the Indiana State Sentinel be requested to publish

the foregoing resolutions.

gents of the Smithsonian Institution

INDIANA STATE SENTINEL.

WILLIAM J. BROWN, Editor.

INDIANAPOLIS:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 21, 1859.

Legislative Summary. SENATE .- Jan. 12 .- A joint resolution asking an appropriation by Congress for the improvement of Michigan city harbor, was laid on the table-ayes 26, noes 16. A discussion on the expenditures of the Constitutional

Jan. 13 .- A joint resolution asking of Congress an within two years, and sooner, if required by the Court appropriation to erect a building on the Governor's circle, for the use of the United States, the State, and the city of Indianapolis, was defeated-ayes 18, noes 19. A bill passed to allow Railroad companies to receive lands, lots, and other real estate on subscription for

Mr. Spencer said that he should like it better if it The bill to carry out the provisions of the 13th Artiwas a resolution of inquiry. He was opposed to the ele of the constitution in relation to the exclusion of negroes and mulattoes, came up, and after a spirited deing into the State, in violation of the constitution, was

Jan. 14 .- No business of importance was transacted

to-day. Jan. 15 .- A debate ensued on the bill reported from the judiciary committee, to provide for the appointment of a reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court. A

tive by the people, was adopted. Jan. 16 .- The bill providing for the appointment of w Reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court, was amended as follows: The Reporter to be elected by the people at the next general election; until the next general election a Reporter pro tem, shall be elected by the

Legislature. The bill was then engrossed. Mr. Holloway introduced a joint resolution to transfer a painting taken from the Cathedral in Mexico to the-Catholic Church in this city. An animated discussion

arose, in which the justice of the Mexican War was Jan. 17. The vote was reconsidered by which the Mr. Gibson moved to strike out the following, "ad- joint resolution asking Congress to appropriate money ministrators shall be required to settle up estates within to erect a building on the Governor's Circle, in Indianapolis, was defeated, and the joint resolution referred to

this resolution, which he desired to see retained. Under A joint resolution asking of Congress a donation of the present system estates remain in the Probate Court land in the Vincennes land district, for the benefit of

> A bill to extend the time of final payment for Univer-The bill to enforce the provisions of article 13 of the

Constitution, failed for want of a constitutional majority, aves 23, noes 15. The Homestead exemption bill was made the order of requires administrators to make final settlement in eigh. the day for the first Monday in February. During the week various resolutions were offered and

will be found on reference to the extended reports. House .- Jan. 12 .- A bill to provide for the election of electors of President and Vice-President of the United States; and By Mr. Carpenter, that the committee on corpora-

reports made from committees, in both Houses, which

A joint resolution asking Congress for an appropria-Mr. Manson introduced a resolution for the abolition tion of courts of instice be required to inquire into the of all laws for the collection of debt; which was voted

Jan. 13 -A bill for the formation of limited partner-

A bill to amend the 6th section of the act for the incorporation of the Peru and Indianapolis Railroad Comthe improvement of the Patokah and the east fork of pany, approved January 19, 1846, were indefinitely post-The House concurred in a report from the judiciary

> ter or establish a State road, except by general law. Jan. 14 .- A bill authorizing Prosecuting Attorneys to occupy grand jury tooms as offices, was indefinitely A resolution was introduced for the adjournment of

committee, that they had no constitutional power to al-

the Legislature on the 23d of February, but was amended so as to read "when we get through our business,"

A bill for holding the Circuit Court in the 8th judicial A bill for the uniform enumeration of certain lands in Monroe county, reserved for a State Seminary; and A bill (Senate) for the relief of purchasers of school lands, where no record has been made; were passed.

Jan. 15 .- The day was spent in discussing the bill to divide the State into Congressional Districts. Jan. 17 .- On motion of Mr. Torbet, a select committee of three was appointed to inquire into the best means

of publishing and circulating the laws. The remainder of the day was occupied in discussing Numerous amendments were offered, all of which were

Is it So! Mr. Holloway, in his speech in the Senate, on Mon-

were as bitterly opposed to the Mexican War as he was. Now we should like to know of our friends of the Jeffersonian and Cambridge City News, if this stateed the administration of Mr. Polk, and maintained the have a district judge to do the county business, it will justice and necessity of the war, and the declaration of be impossible for him to tell when sufficient security has Senator Holloway is the first intimation we have had that the Democracy of Wayne formed an exception. It is well known that Mr. Holloway opposed the Mexican War. In the speech alluded to, he eulogized the infamous speech of Mr. Corwin in the United States Senate, and declared that he would rather have been the author of that speech than the proudest General that ever commanded an army, and that he would teach his children to reverence it, and that in the history of our country it should be placed side by side with the declaration of Independence; thus placing Thomas Corwin superior to Washington, or the authors of that glorious declaration. Mr. Holloway is certainly entitled to his own opinion; and if the Whig party of Indiana choose to was stated by Col. Berry; after which appropriate remarks were made by Messrs. Ryan, Jackson, Berry, Lemen, and Sansberry.

On motion of Mr. Sansberry, the following resoluto the Mexican War, fairly represents the feelings and sentiments of the Democratic party of that county. for his Whig friends, and not include Democrats. Gen. Lane.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Ar-

gus, alluding to the speech of Gen. Lane, at the 8th of January Dinner, says:

ry speaker, however, abounded in one grand thought—that of success, next November, to the Democracy." The Terre Hante Journal says that Lon. S. B.

Gookins less not resigned. We made the statement on the authority of a member who we thought ought to